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SUBJECT: TRIESTE CONFERENCE ON MINORITIES

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF TRIESTE IS MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR A EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON MINORITIES TO BE HELD IN TRIESTE JULY 10-14. THE CONFERENCE IS SCHEDULED TO EXAMINE IN GREATER DETAIL THE QUESTIONS RAISED IN THE PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE THAT WAS HELD NOVEMBER 15-17, 1973. END SUMMARY

2. PROVINCIAL PARTY PRESIDENT MICHELE ZANETTI (DC) HAS
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ANNOUNCED THE MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON

MINORITIES WHICH INTENDS TO CONTINUE THE WORK OF THE PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE HELD LAST NOVEMBER (ROME 3162). THE PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE WAS ATTENDED BY OVER FORTY EXPERTS FROM ELEVEN NATIONS. INCLUDED WERE SIXTEEN DELEGATES FROM ITALY, ELEVEN FROM YUGOSLAVIA, FOUR FROM FRANCE, THREE FROM ENGLAND AND THE UNITED STATES (IRVING GOFFMAN, TOUSSAINT HOCEVAR AND JOHN SZWED), AND ONE DELEGATE EACH FROM BELGIUM, AUSTRIA, SWITZERLAND, SWEDEN, MEXICO AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA. THE PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE SET OUT THE GUIDELINES FOR THE JULY CONFERENCE WHICH IS TO CONSIDER FOUR AGENDA ITEMS:

- 1) ACTIVITIES OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.
- 2) USE OF LANGUAGE, SCHOOLS, CULTURE AND MASS COMMUNICATION.
- 3) SOCIO-ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF ASSISTANCE TO MINORITIES.
- 4) LEGAL AND INSTITUTIONAL PROBLEMS OF MINORITIES.

3. IN A LETTER TO THE AMBASSADOR, ZANETTI ASKS TO BE INFORMED OF ANY INDIVIDUALS FROM THE US WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE BEFORE RESPONDING. BEAUDRY

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